

I watch C-span because it is
unhilarating to be better informed than
the media experts upon whom I had
been relying before C-span. Your lengthy
presentations of important issues make reaching
informed decisions easy without tentatively
reading (or hearing) between the lines
wondering what is the political slant or
from whom does the prejudice originate.
I now know because I have been there.

Your morning talk show is diluting some of the awesome power of the editorial boards of the New York Times and the Washington Post simply by showing us their influence. If I were a newspaper editor or a television or radio news producer I would hire someone to do nothing except watch C-span to prepare for appearing at my editorial meeting such as you at C-Span have shown viewers from time to time.

When I find it almost impossible to discern what your various correspondents' viewpoints are it is refreshing and means you are doing well at being fair and professional.

If students across the country were all assigned to watch a few hours of C-Span each day this republic of ours would soon have such well-informed voters that we would no longer worry about their being deceived by "house speak".


One example of your worth — it would take a marvelous teacher to explain to a class why party machines have such an influence in caucus states, but when you took us to Iowa the reasons became obvious.

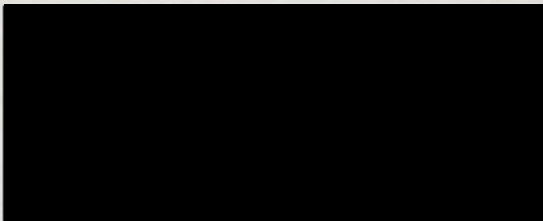
I am amused to hear you worry about the time taken up by the conservative Republicans on the floor of the House. Stop worrying. If it weren't for you they wouldn't be there. No other media

can cover them. It is only through C-Span that their side is "getting out". It is becoming harder to sway opinions since anyone who cares to can see the whole story without time and effort-consuming research. As soon as people such as congressmen and committee witnesses and courts become more able to ignore the cameras simply because they are always present you will be able to be anywhere. I hope

you will have two cable channels
when the Senate comes around.

The amount of public service
you are performing is even more
phenomenal when one compares your
expenses with those of your
competitors in the media. Please
be proud of your work and be
assured that you are being noticed
above and beyond your numbers.




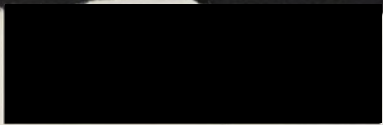


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